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Organizational matters

Annual work plan 2006 of the Executive Board of UNDP and UNFPA

I. Overview

1. The draft annual work plan 2006 was prepared by the Executive Board secretariat in consultation with the Bureau of the Executive Board. As noted in Board decision 2005/42, there will be two regular sessions and one annual session in 2006.

2. A joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP and UNFPA, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the World Food Programme (WFP), will be held during the first regular session in January 2006.

II. UNDP

A. Policy and management

3. In 2006 the Executive Board will continue to follow the harmonized reporting modality for the multi-year funding framework (MYFF) laid out in its decision 2004/20. Accordingly, the annual report of the Administrator 2006, scheduled for submission at the annual session, will focus on progress towards results during 2005 and contain in-depth analysis of the capacity development issue, as endorsed in decision 2005/20. Prior to this discussion, the Board will review the timeline for preparation and discussion of the end-of-cycle assessment of MYFF performance, 2004-2007, and the process leading to the new MYFF, 2008-2011 at the first regular session.

4. The Board will also pursue its gender mainstreaming and gender equality agenda in 2006 with an evaluation report on gender mainstreaming in UNDP, the management response to that report and the gender action plan 2006-2007. The Board will also consider as an evaluation of UNDP HIV/AIDS work in Southern Africa and Ethiopia, together with the UNDP management response. The

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Administrator's annual report on evaluation will be submitted at the second regular session.

5. Regarding the funds and programmes, at the first regular session 2006 the Board is scheduled to table a United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF) report on budgeting and programming decision-making processes, an organizational assessment of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM), and an update on the financial situation of the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS), as well as a report on UNOPS progress in implementing transition measures. UNIFEM and UNOPS will submit their Executive Directors' annual reports at the annual session. At that session the Board will also review the Administrator's report on the United Nations Volunteers (UNV).

6. The Board will resume its discussion of South-South cooperation with the tabling of the progress report on implementing the third cooperation framework at the annual session.

7. In accordance with General Assembly resolution 57/264, a separate agenda item will be devoted to the *Human Development Report* at the annual session, adhering to the agreed consultation process with Member States and ensuring quality and accuracy without compromising editorial independence.

B. Programme matters

8. In accordance with Executive Board decision 2001/11, country programmes presented to the Board in 2005 will be approved on a no-objection basis without presentation or discussion at the first regular session 2006. Draft country programme documents (CPDs) and new regional cooperation frameworks will be presented to the Board at its annual and second regular sessions.

9. At the first regular session 2006, the Administrator will report to the Executive Board on assistance to Myanmar outlining the major conclusions, recommendations and strategic challenges identified by the independent assessment mission of the Human Development Initiative phase IV (2002-2005), followed by an oral report at the second regular session.

10. *Joint segment.* During the joint segment of the first regular session, UNDP and UNFPA will present a joint report to the Economic and Social Council on activities undertaken in 2005. UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS will also report on the implementation of recommendations of the Board of Auditors for the biennium 2002-2003.

11. At the annual session, the UNDP and UNOPS reports on internal audit and oversight services provided by the Office of Audit and Performance Review for the year ended 31 December 2005 will be submitted to the Board, together with a management response.

12. On the programming process, at the first regular session UNDP and UNFPA will present a joint report on cost-effective approaches to providing programme-level data in accordance with decision 2005/30. The Board will also table a UNDP-UNFPA joint report on implementing joint programming and United Nations Development Group joint programming guidelines, in line with decision 2005/10, along with a report elaborated jointly with UNICEF on possible options to improve and streamline the current harmonized country programme approval procedure, in line with decision 2005/28.

13. At its second regular session 2006, the Board will have before it reports from UNDP and UNFPA on the follow-up to recommendations of the UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board.

C. Financial, budgetary and administrative matters

14. The Executive Board will review the status of regular funding commitments to UNDP and its associated funds and programmes at the annual session, in accordance with decision 98/23. In line with established practice, at its second regular session the Board will have before it the annual review of the financial situation for 2005, information on United Nations system technical cooperation expenditures, and the report of the Inter-Agency Procurement Services Office for the biennium 2002-2003. The Board will also continue its discussion of cost-recovery issues with a report on current practices for determining specific cost-recovery rates and clear cost-recovery criteria.

III. UNFPA

15. In 2006, UNFPA will continue its work to implement the outcome of the 2005 World Summit, assisting programme countries in the realization of the development goals and objectives agreed at the major United Nations conferences and summits, including the goals of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) that are pivotal to achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). In supporting the efforts of programme countries to address poverty eradication, UNFPA will focus on building national capacity and supporting national development strategies, including through advancing United Nations reform. Enhancing the effectiveness, efficiency, accountability and credibility of the United Nations system is a shared responsibility and UNFPA will continue its strong effort and contribution in that regard. During 2006, UNFPA will continue to strengthen the capacity of its own staff, as well as that of national counterparts, to better integrate reproductive health, population and gender issues in poverty reduction strategy processes.

16. The Fund's programmatic efforts will focus on scaling up and sustaining progress. In supporting country efforts to reduce poverty and promote sustainable development, UNFPA will continue to emphasize culturally sensitive programming approaches, gender equality and the empowerment of women, and human rights. Consistent with the focus of the new aid architecture on aid effectiveness, UNFPA is committed to delivering its programme in an efficient and effective way, with a particular emphasis on monitoring, evaluation and accountability. Strategic planning, strengthening partnerships, including with civil society and the private sector, mobilizing resources, and promoting a coordinated and coherent United Nations development effort at country, regional and global levels will remain hallmarks of the work of UNFPA. Recognizing the urgent need for reliable data for development to track progress in meeting ICPD goals and the MDGs, UNFPA plans to play a more prominent role, along with other development partners, in strengthening national data systems and building capacities for data collection, analysis, dissemination and utilization. The Fund will also continue to promote knowledge sharing and South-South cooperation modalities.

A. Policy and programme matters

17. At the first regular session, in accordance with decision 2001/11, the Executive Board is called on to approve a number of country programme documents (CPDs) that were reviewed and discussed at earlier sessions.

18. Under the joint UNDP/UNFPA segment, at the first regular session, UNFPA will present a report on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors for the biennium 2002-2003. At this session, UNFPA and UNDP will present a joint report to the Economic and Social Council. In addition, in response to decision 2005/30, UNFPA and UNDP will present a joint report on proposals on cost-efficient approaches to providing programme-level data.

19. Also, under the joint segment, there will be a presentation on Post-conflict peacebuilding: The role of UNDP and UNFPA in Africa (in Angola and the Democratic Republic of the Congo).

20. A joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF, with the participation of the WFP Executive Board, will take place during the first regular session. The joint meeting will focus on the following four themes: (a) Capacity-building and capacity development; (b) Transition from relief to development, focusing on natural disasters; (c) HIV/AIDS: Follow-up to the recommendations of the Global Task Team; and (d) Simplification and harmonization, with a special focus on the programming process. UNFPA will serve as the overall coordinator for the joint meeting in addition to leading the segment on simplification and harmonization.

21. At the annual session, the Executive Director will present her annual report for 2005, including highlights of the UNFPA programme for the year, as well as a statistical overview. The Fund's response to the reports of the Joint Inspection Unit will also be included as part of the annual report of the Executive Director.

22. UNFPA will submit a number of draft country programme documents to the Executive Board at the annual session. In accordance with decision 2001/11, the CPDs are presented for discussion. A note on assistance to Myanmar will also be submitted to the Board at this session.

23. Furthermore, at the annual session, UNFPA will present a periodic report on evaluation to the Executive Board.

24. UNFPA will also be responsible for organizing a special event at the annual session on the theme of population and poverty eradication.

25. Under the joint UNDP/UNFPA segment, at the annual session, UNFPA will present a report on internal audit and oversight. In response to decision 2005/10, UNFPA and UNDP will present a joint report on implementation of joint programming and on UNDG joint programming guidelines. In addition, UNFPA and UNDP will submit a report elaborated jointly with UNICEF on possible options to improve and streamline the current harmonized country programme approval process.

26. At the second regular session, in response to decision 2005/40, UNFPA will present a report on its corporate strategy for emergency preparedness, humanitarian response, and transition and recovery. Draft country programmes will also be presented at this session.

27. Under the joint UNDP/UNFPA segment, at the second regular session, UNFPA will report on follow-up to the recommendations of the UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board. The report will include information regarding the implementation of the Three Ones and the recommendations of the Global Task Team on Improving AIDS Coordination Among Multilateral Institutions and International Donors.

B. Managing for results

28. The new aid architecture lays strong emphasis on managing for results, including monitoring progress against key indicators. The Executive Director will report

periodically during the year on how UNFPA is strengthening its organizational effectiveness for managing results with specific reference to the Fund's priority pillars for 2006. Strengthening organizational effectiveness is an ongoing process at UNFPA. The five key managing-for-results dimensions and the lead indicators presented in the 2004-2007 MYFF will be used to monitor the Fund's effectiveness. UNFPA is fully committed to United Nations reform processes, including simplification and harmonization of procedures. The Fund will continue to work with its development partners to enhance coherent, effective and efficient delivery of aid at the country level in support of national development strategies, institutions and procedures, with an emphasis on building national capacity and reducing transaction costs.

C. Financial, budgetary and administrative matters

29. A report on funding commitments will be submitted to the Executive Board at the annual session. In conjunction with the presentation of the report, donors would announce pledges to UNFPA, if they have not already done so earlier. At the second regular session, UNFPA will submit the annual financial review 2005.

Annual work plan 2006 of the Executive Board of UNDP and UNFPA

First regular session: 20 - 27 January 2006

1. Organizational matters

- Election of the Bureau of the Board for 2006
- Adoption of the agenda and work plan for the session
- Adoption of the report on the second regular session 2005
- Adoption of the annual work plan 2006 of the Executive Board
- Working methods of the Executive Board

UNDP segment

2. Multi-year funding framework

- Timeline for the preparation and discussion of the end-of-cycle assessment of performance of the MYFF, 2004-2007, and for the process leading to the preparation of the MYFF, 2008-2011

3. Country programmes and related matters

- Approval of country programme documents
- Report of the assessment mission to Myanmar

4. Evaluation

- Evaluation of gender mainstreaming in UNDP

5. Gender in UNDP

- Management response to the evaluation of gender mainstreaming in UNDP
- Report on the medium-term gender action plan
- Gender action plan 2006-2007

6. United Nations Capital Development Fund

- Report on UNCDF budgeting and programming decision-making processes

7. United Nations Development Fund for Women

- Organizational assessment: UNIFEM Past, Present and Future (Report of the Advisory Panel to the UNIFEM Consultative Committee)

8. United Nations Office for Project Services

- Update on UNOPS financial situation
- Progress in the implementation of transition measures

Joint UNDP/UNFPA segment

9. Recommendations of the Board of Auditors

   - Reports of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors for the biennium 2002-2003

10. Reports to the Economic and Social Council

11. Programming process

   - UNDP/UNFPA report on proposals on cost-efficient approaches to providing programme-level data (dec. 2005/30)

UNFPA segment

12. Country programmes and related matters

   - Approval of country programme documents

13. Other matters

Post-conflict peacebuilding: The role of UNDP and UNFPA in Africa (Angola and the Democratic Republic of the Congo)

JOINT MEETING of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP (20 and 23 January 2006). The four themes are as follows:

- Capacity-building and capacity development
- Transition from relief to development, focusing on natural disasters
- HIV/AIDS: Follow-up to the recommendations of the Global Task Team
- Simplification and harmonization, with a special focus on the programming process

Annual session: 12 - 23 June 2006 (Geneva)

1. Organizational matters

   - Adoption of the agenda and work plan for the session
   - Adoption of the report on the first regular session 2006

UNFPA segment

2. Report of the Executive Director for 2005

   - Report of the Executive Director for 2005
   - Statistical overview
   - Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit

3. Funding commitments to UNFPA

- Report on funding commitments to UNFPA

4. Country programmes and related matters

- Draft country programme documents
- Note on assistance to Myanmar

5. Evaluation

- Periodic report on evaluation

UNDP segment

6. Annual report of the Administrator

- Annual report of the Administrator 2005 (Theme – capacity development; ref. dec. 2004/20 and 2005/20)
- Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit
- Statistical annex

7. Funding commitments to UNDP

- Status of regular funding commitments to UNDP

8. Human Development Report

9. Country programmes and related matters

- Draft regional/country programme documents
- Extensions of country cooperation frameworks

10. South-South cooperation

- Progress report in implementing the third cooperation framework for South-South cooperation

11. United Nations Office for Project Services

- Annual report of the Executive Director

12. United Nations Capital Development Fund

13. United Nations Volunteers

- United Nations Volunteers – Report of the Administrator

14. United Nations Development Fund for Women

- Annual report of the Executive Director (ref. dec. 2004/20)

15. Evaluation

- HIV/AIDS evaluation in Southern Africa and Ethiopia
- Management response

Joint UNDP/UNFPA segment

16. Internal audit and oversight

- Reports of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS on internal audit and oversight, including the management response

17. Programming process

- UNDP/UNFPA report on implementation of joint programming and on UNDG joint programming guidelines (dec. 2005/10)
- UNDP/UNFPA report elaborated jointly with UNICEF on possible options to improve and streamline the current harmonized country programme approval procedure (dec. 2005/28)

18. Field visits

- Reports on field visits

19. Other matters

Special event to be organized by UNFPA (Theme: Population and poverty eradication)

Second regular session: 11 - 15 September 2006

1. Organizational matters

- Adoption of the agenda and work plan for the session
- Adoption of the report on the annual session 2006
- Draft work plan for 2007

UNDP segment

2. Financial, budgetary and administrative matters

- Annual review of the financial situation, 2005
- Information on United Nations system technical cooperation expenditures
- Report of the Inter-Agency Procurement Services Office for the biennium 2004-2005
- Statistical report of IAPSO
- Report on the current practice of determining specific cost-recovery rates and clear cost-recovery criteria

3. Evaluation

- Annual report of the Administrator on evaluation

4. Country programmes and related matters

   - Draft regional/country programme documents
   - Oral report on UNDP assistance to Myanmar

5. UNOPS: Financial, budgetary and administrative matters

Joint UNDP/UNFPA segment

6. Follow-up to UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board meeting

   - UNDP and UNFPA reports on follow-up to recommendations of the Programme Coordinating Board of UNAIDS

UNFPA segment

7. Financial, budgetary and administrative matters

   - Annual financial review, 2005

8. Country programmes and related matters

   - Draft country programme documents

9. UNFPA role in emergency preparedness, humanitarian response, and transition and recovery

   - UNFPA corporate strategy for emergency preparedness, humanitarian response, and transition and recovery

10. Other matters